



Sunset Caucus

Waste Action Alert

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Eliminate Funds for New Construction and Leases of Federal Buildings

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Program or Item Targeted: New construction and leases of federal buildings within the District of Columbia.

Cost of Program or Item: The federal government currently owns 112 buildings in D.C. and has exactly 300 leases. These leases cost over \$864 million annually.

Background on Program or Item to Be Sunseted: Currently, the federal government has 9,278 leases, throughout the United States. These leases are managed through the U.S. General Services Administration and cover more than 189 million square feet (over 4,338 acres), and have an annual cost of over \$5 billion. In D.C., the federal government has exactly 300 leases. These leases cover more than 22.3 million square feet (over 512 acres), and come at an annual cost of \$864,389,817 to the taxpayer. The federal government also owns 112 buildings in D.C.

Why This Program or Item Is Wasteful: With the debt of the U.S. Government exceeding \$13 trillion, Congress must take the reins and tighten its fiscal belt to ease the burden on taxpayers. Federal funds that would be spent on new construction or leasing of federal buildings would be better spent reducing the federal deficit.

MEMBER ACTION ITEM: Rep. Louie Gohmert (TX-01) has introduced H.R. 5906, which would prohibit the expenditure of funds for the construction or lease of buildings or space in the District of Columbia (D.C.) for the United States Government until January 1, 2012. Current cosponsors of H.R. 5906 include: Reps. Bartlett, Coffman, Conaway, Franks, Lummis, Pence, Posey, and Shadegg. Rep. Gohmert encourages all Members to cosponsor H.R. 5906 by contacting Theresa Wang at Theresa.Wang@mail.house.gov, or 5-3035.

If you would like to participate in eliminating wasteful programs with the RSC Sunset Caucus, please e-mail Brad.Watson@mail.house.gov.

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